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Vertical Rates Determined With The Global Positioning System

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Velocities for 41 globally distributed sites have been estimated using#
GPS data which spans more than three years. Horizontal velocities
result mainly from relative plate motion and deformation in the plate#
boundary zones. Vertical rates can be caused by glacial rebound,#
volcanic uplift, subduction, and other geologic processes but are more#
difficult to measure than horizontal rates. Incorrect antenna height#
variations or periods during which snow covers the antenna can lead to
significant systematic effects. Even with perfect models, vertical#
rates are more difficult to determine than horizontal rates because#
satellites can only be observed overhead. On the other hand, some#
sources of vertical error average out over the time span used for rate#
determination. After the best fit linear trends are subtracted, the#
daily WRMS of vertical residuals over all sites is 14 mm. The most#
promising detection of glacial rebound is at Algonquin Park where the#
GPS vertical rate estimate is 5.9 ± 2.3 mm/yr, consistent with the#
ICE-3G prediction of 3.9 mm/yr.

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